GUNS AT SCHOOL

Students debate concealed carry on campus bill

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

During public comments, Keegan Reeves, vice president of Young Americans for Liberty, spoke to represent other conservative groups at SDSU who feel “truly ignored” after SA unanimously passed Resolution 18-09-R.

ATHLETICS MOU

The Athletics Memorandum of Understanding draft was up for discussion and passed 21-7 after debate.

The due date for the MOU is March 4 and senators received the document review at noon on Feb. 25, ex-officios in the meeting did not see it until the topic was discussed in the meeting. Ex-officios and some senators wanted more time to review the MOU, but it passed.

“This is not a contract. It is an understanding with Athletics to pursue what is presented in this memorandum,” Sen. Dominick Weber said. This is a draft that can be amended at a later date.

PASSED RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 18-12-R passed. The resolution supports implementation of Purple Heart parking signs on campus.

Resolution 18-13-R was passed, to show Senate support for the GAF Strategic Plan.

ELECTION CLOSED

Presidential and vice presidential elections are now closed. The race will be against current President Monson running with Sen. Corey Berscheit and Sen. Carter Hunter with Sen. Amanda Huested.

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Table Talk & Lunch

DIVERSITY VS INCLUSIVITY

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Odds are, someone around you is either in the military or has served, according to Russ Chavez, South Dakota State’s director for Veterans Affairs.

South Dakota has the second highest military-per-capita rating. Because of this, South Dakota State’s Office of Veteran Affairs works hard to honor and assist veterans and current soldiers.

That effort has awarded SDSU with an acknowledgment of a bronze ranking as a Military Friendly school by VIQTORY for the sixth-straight year.

“This honor, like others we have received from VIQTORY and other organizations, confirms that we are doing the right things for our students who are active military members or veterans,” Chavez said.

Each year universities nation-wide can participate in completing the VIQTORY survey by Military Friendly. The survey takes into considering factors like the number of student veterans, resources and other factors each school has the potential to be ranked from bronze to gold.

“The survey is open to all colleges, but it’s something you have to pursue,” Chavez said. 

SDSU gained further recognition by becoming a Purple Heart Campus, a designation that’s given to universities in appreciation and support for students or faculty that have received the Purple Heart, a military decoration for those wounded or killed in action.

“Connie Johnson, the coordinator for veterans’ services in Veterans Affairs, received a Purple Heart after serving as a specialist with the 101st Military Police Company in Iraq from February 2003 to January 2004.

She is the only female Purple Heart recipient in both North and South Dakota marking South Dakota State as one of only nine universities in the country with this honor.

“When you walk into our office, you might look at me and think because she works at Veterans Affairs, she must be a veteran but not really understand that not only am I a veteran, I’m also a combat veteran and I saw war, I saw death and all of these awful things,” Johnson said. “During that time, I was also wounded while serving. Those are things you typically don’t associate with women.”

On campus, however, veteran and current military support stretch further than formal recognition. The Veterans Affairs Office provides a number of programs, assistance and activities.

The Warrior Wellness committee is another supportive element. Its mission is to be proactive and take measures to prevent suicide, especially among veterans. The VA office has also hosted fundraisers such as a golf tournament to raise money for the Wounded Warrior program.

Additionally, the organization facilitates events like resume workshops, job services, a writing workshop and book club. Another popular event is Warrior Week. A series of events leading up to Veterans Day comprising of a military appreciation game, board game night, movie night, memorial displays, laser tag and other fun opportunities. The Armed Forces Associations also hosts a retreat each year.

The office also assists with applying for education benefits and transition into school.

Its staff has also helped create five $1,000 scholarships for veterans.

“The Veterans Affairs Resource Center gives our students a place to study and be themselves but also a chance to build camaraderie with others who have served,” Chavez said.
The 539 submissions The Collegian received created this list of Brookings’ best. The competition was fierce, but in the end the winners made their voice known. So, when you’re struggling to decide which salon to get a fresh cut at or looking for a great first date spot, trust this list to have the best suggestions.
EMMA ANDERSON
Lifestyles Reporter

The countdown to spring break is on and many students are looking forward to a stress-free week of no classes or homework. Whether you have plans to road trip to South Padre or you are going to spend a lowkey week at home, there are ways to prepare for the break.

“I am going on vacation for spring break, so I have been trying to work ahead on all my homework,” said freshman interior design major Kassie Schaefers.

At the bare minimum, staying on top of classes is important heading into a break, but working ahead is an even better way to prepare.

“We always have several projects and papers to do and I don’t want to be overwhelmed with things when I get back from vacation,” Schaefers said.

Planning assignments in advance and completing them before spring break can make the week more relaxing and enjoyable.

It is also a great way to make sure you won’t be coming back to a pile of untouched homework that will instantly undo all the stress-relieving activities you managed to participate in.

“I have also been trying to put in more hours at work on the weekends to earn extra money,” Schaefers said.

Budgeting out food, travel expenses and room and board, no matter how big or small the trip is, can easily give a good estimate as to whether picking up a few extra shifts would be a good idea in preparing for spring break.

Of course, there inevitably ends up being extra or hidden costs with every trip, but knowing a general amount is a good place to start.

“Before spring break, I like to make sure I know my plans before my work schedule comes out for that week,” said freshman human biology major, Peyton Evans.

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Republicans said he was wary of SB 122 because it lacked checks and balances, and the SA resolution was "very valid.

"That's why, by and large, we were O.K. with the way it went down," Gunlicks said. "We weren't O.K. with the process in which it went down."

Gunlicks found it "very disturbing" when McDougall stood up and claimed to speak on behalf of the 12,000 students at SDSU.

"I'm sitting there like, 'Well I'm in direct opposition of you, how can you say you represent all members?" he said. Since SB 122 failed in Senate, the Board of Regents' policy stating that "Possession of firearms or other dangerous weapons on the physical premises of the Regents' institutions is prohibited unless authorized by the institutional chief executive officer or designee," still stands.

Gunlicks said the legislature values student opinions, which is why he felt it was important for organizations like his to have more of a voice.

"Students don't have the ability to drive to Pierre, we expect our members in SA to do that for us, that's why they're elected," he said. "Are they representing students? Because we don't see it that way, but you care about your justification, don't you?""Senators here who said 'We don't care about your justification, we don't see it that way, but you voted for it anyway.'"

Opposing legislation that would allow students to carry a concealed weapon on campus is nothing new for SA. In 2015, a similar bill went through the legislature and senators discussed some of the dangers unrestricted firearms would have on campuses.

Ben Nick Lorang said some issues SA brought up were related to NCAA policy because allowing concealed carry on campus would jeopardize SDSU's ability to host post-season games.

Bullinger disagreed with SA's reasoning for opposing SB 122. "The safety of the students and their well-being and the ones that want to protect themselves and their classmates if they're given the opportunity is probably, in my opinion, more important than hosting post-season NCAA tournament games," Bullinger said.

Congress photo by EMILY SEATON

Concealed weapons can be placed inside the waistband, on the hip and under the arm.
Designers put technical skills to use in AIGA

TIM MORGAN
Reporter

Asking anyone in South Dakota State’s American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA) group what design is may stump them, but having them show you good design is far easier.

AIGA is an organization where graphic designers take the technical skills they’ve learned in class and apply it through project work or events.

For Tom Bates, president of SDSU AIGA, good design is 99 percent invisible, the other one percent visible is “bad.” This idea affects how the club sets up its meetings.

Lucas Latza, sophomore graphic design major, finds the club useful for improving his coursework for graphic design because he makes connections with designers who are further along in SDSU’s program.

“I’ve started following people on Instagram who are in the club. I follow their work and they follow me,” he said. “People just come up to me and are eager to commend my work.”

One way the club does this is through skillshare sessions.

“(Skillshare) is helpful,” Latza said. “Someone shows how to do something, use a tool or share cool things to do.”

This April, AIGA plans on hosting Design Jam 3, a “head-to-head tournament-style competition for designers to test their creativity and savviness on the computer,” said Bates.

AIGA also does its part to connect design students to potential employers and enhance professional skills beyond SDSU. This upcoming academic year, design students will travel to China, Korea and Japan.

The club sends students to the AIGA National Design Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota each year.

“I was blown away,” said Bates. “I want to bring that excitement to our designers on campus.”

SDSU AIGA meets 5 p.m. Tuesdays in Grove Hall. AIGA is a part of the nation's oldest and largest professional graphic design organization.

“Every designer should be part of AIGA,” Bates said. “It’s a place where you can be creative, stay in tuned with cutting-edge trends and styles in our industry, and a way to make friends and connections with like-minded people.”
It’s time to switch to plant-based food choices

REBECCA PEICK
Columnist

Salads and nothing but fruits and vegetables for every meal is probably what you have in mind when you think vegan, or you might think of it as a lifestyle full of food that is not only delicious and full of variety but is phenomenal for the environment, animals, your health and your wallet.

As a vegan for more than two years, I can assure you that, to me, veganism is certainly the latter. I’m sure that you have heard a lot about veganism and its correlation to animals and the environment, but let’s discuss how it can impact you on a personal level.

Everyone should prioritize their own health, and living a plant-based lifestyle is one of the primary ways that I choose to do so. My family has a huge history of heart disease. It has affected nearly every one of my aunts and uncles, and my dad dealt with cardiovascular problems during his whole adult life, so I made the decision to eat fewer animal products four years ago to help prevent issues with my heart later in my life.

Most animal products contain dietary cholesterol, which increases the risk of heart disease and diabetes, which can also contribute to heart disease. Plant-based products can sometimes help lower blood pressure, another risk factor for heart disease, if they are consumed over a longer period of time, according to an article in the European Journal of Clinical Nutrition.

In a time when one in four people die from heart disease in the U.S., and 735,000 people have a heart attack each year, it is clear that we need to be making some changes to our diet to prevent it. Several people I know believe that eating a plant-based or vegan diet is more expensive than the standard American diet. This isn’t a valid argument against going vegan since the world’s least expensive foods (like rice and beans) are plants.

While it is true that lots of plant-based specialty foods are more expensive than their non-vegan counterparts, most non processed foods are significantly less expensive than non-vegan options. Many foods you eat now may be “accidentally” vegan, like most bread and pasta.

It’s easy to see that choosing more plant-based options, even if you don’t go vegan, has significant benefits for you, and it doesn’t have to be hard.

There’s no better time to do so than now, because SDSU’s campus and the Brooking’s community both have more options for plant-based choices than ever, from True Balance stations in Larson Commons and the Market to gluten-free and vegan baked goods in Kool Beans, you’re bound to find some tasty plant-based food wherever you go.

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Express your freedom to spring break how you please

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Page Designer

Every year around this time students start to anticipate spring break. It becomes hard to focus on school when the countdown begins.

While this may be the ideal way to spend spring break, there aren’t any specific guidelines on how you should spend your time off of school.

This week has been taxing for myself and I am sure many others. I encourage you to try and finish your homework right away so that your relaxation can start sooner than later.

My typical spring break consists of going home, seeing old friends and not doing much of anything. I like to take my time off to relax and do things that I want to do. Although going somewhere warm seems nice, I’m sure breaking the bank for the trip is stressful, because you know, we’re all college students.

No matter where you are going for spring break, it is important to push through this week so that spring break is a reward for making it halfway through the second semester.

If you’re going home, somewhere warm or even staying in Brookings, it shouldn’t matter where you’re at on spring break as long as you are doing what you want. If you are spending extra money on a trip, use your time to relax and not worry about how much money you spent.

Most importantly, there is no way to do spring break wrong. Binge-watch your favorite show, cook dinner for your parents or grab a swimsuit and go to the beach.

During long breaks, I feel distracted thinking about when I have to go back. This spring break, live in the moment. Don’t think about when you have to go back to school. Make new memories with the people you choose to spend your time with.

Have a great spring break, spend your time relaxing so that you can crush the last eight weeks of school.

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Senator Bill 122, which attempted to restrict the Board of Regents’ (BOR) power to control policies regarding guns on campus, failed in the legislature last week.

Since the bill didn’t go through, weapons are still not permitted on campus. But students are still engaging in a debate about whether or not concealed carry should be allowed.

Earlier this month, South Dakota joined 16 other states by passing a “constitutional carry” law, which makes it possible for residents to conceal carry their weapons without obtaining a permit. This law goes into effect July 1, 2019, however, does not override BOR policies. Some argue that campus would be safer if students had guns on them, because said students would be able to stop any criminal activity like a robbery, rape or an active shooter.

This is what Ben Bullinger, a sophomore wildlife and fisheries major, said in an interview. He believed concealed weapons “could decrease crime.”

However, Tory Arbach, a national air-rifle and pistol shooting champion, told The Collegian she doesn’t think “that type of force is necessary.”

After research, we, at The Collegian, believe SB 122 would have created an unsafe campus for students due to the inability to regulate guns. Only one group should be permitted to carry on campus, and even then it would lead to an inevitable power struggle between students with guns and the officers or trained professionals.

If something on campus were to happen, sure, we might be safer if we were around someone with a pistol strapped to their hip. But, in reality, an automatic rifle was the weapon of choice in mass shootings like Sandy Hook, Marjory Stoneman Douglas, Highland High, Las Vegas, Sutherland Springs Church and Pulse Nightclub.

The effects of an attack with a pistol and an attack with an automatic rifle are significantly different.

Heather Sher, a radiologist who treated students after the Parkland shooting, told The Atlantic on Feb. 22, 2018 automatic rifles and pistols do two very different types of damage. She said that handguns leave “linear tracks” in the body, and often are not fatal wounds. A shot from an automatic rifle, however, flies almost three times faster than that from a pistol, and it doesn’t exit the body in a straight line. In fact, Sher said she’s seen exit wounds from an automatic rifle that were as big as an orange. Lat year, a SDSU student had a shotgun in their Abbot Hall dorm room. He was cleaning it after hunting. Harmless, right? But this experienced gun owner managed to discharge his weapon, sending a bullet into the desk across the room.

Nobody got hurt, but the odds of people being lucky enough to not accidentally get shot on the way to their dorm room significantly decreases if students are allowed to carry guns on campus. If the number of guns present goes up, the number of misfires possible is also subject to increase as well.

The Collegian Editorial Board meets weekly and agrees on the issue of the editorial. The editorial represents the opinion of The Collegian.
At the end of Reed Tellinghuisen’s four years as a South Dakota State men’s basketball player, nobody in the program’s 115-year history started more games than the forward from Sac City, Iowa. After his eligibility expired, he expressed interest in coaching to head coach T.J. Otzelberger, who agreed to take him on for two more seasons as a graduate assistant coach.

Tellinghuisen started his coaching duties before he graduated in spring 2018. He is in charge of managing film, typing up practice plans, doing workouts, working closely with the playbook and scouting.

Senior forward Skyler Flatten, who played with Tellinghuisen throughout his five previous seasons said he was confident his former teammate would get the job.

“He’s always talked about how he wanted to get into coaching,” Flatten said. “T.J. has always trusted Reed and he knows that Reed takes things seriously, so I had a good feeling that he was going to get the job.”

Assistant coach Rob Klinkefus said Tellinghuisen’s background has prepared him for this role.

“Some guys are wired a certain way and Reed grew up, his dad was a coach for a long time and he’s always been heavily involved in athletics and just has a really good feel on how things are supposed to work,” Klinkefus said. “He’s always certainly a guy you would target as being a coach someday, no question about it.”

When comparing the two roles, Tellinghuisen said coaching uses more of a mental approach to the game, making it a challenge for him as playing comes “a lot easier.”

“There are numerous different game plans and different ways to defend ball screens, and ways to attack defenses that you kind of have to go through just to see what works,” Tellinghuisen said. “We try as a coaching staff to simplify things so our players don’t have to think so much, they can just go out and play.”

The weekly schedule was another thing Tellinghuisen had to get used to in his transition.

“We might have a game on Thursday, but you are already cutting film and trying to scout for Saturday, where as a player, you are more worried about that game Thursday,” Tellinghuisen said.

“He’s the same old goofy Reed that he’s always been ... always cracking jokes at the players. You can kind of see a difference in a more professional look on things that he’s taken on.”

A typical day for Tellinghuisen has him getting to Frost Arena at 6:30 a.m. for practice. From there, the team transitions into film at 7 a.m. After practice gets done, Tellinghuisen spends time in the office working on film and scouting the next opponent until around 4:30 p.m.

Klinkefus, who has been with Tellinghuisen since he arrived in Brookings his freshman year, said it was natural for Tellinghuisen to end up coaching.

“The one thing Reed would always do is he would do whatever it takes to help the team win a game,” he said. “He made some sacrifices in his career, he was always the toughest guy on the floor, he took the most charges, he was one of our best leaders in the program and he continued to develop.”

There were other options for Tellinghuisen after graduation. He was contacted by agents overseas about the possibility of him playing professionally. But his trust in Otzelberger, his dedication to the Jackrabbit program, his desire to coach and having to adjust to living abroad persuaded him to stay and take the graduate assistant coaching position.

“I really couldn’t pass it up just because it’s so tough to get a grad assistantship in college basketball coaching, especially for such a great program and a program that has had so much success with a coaching staff like we have here,” Tellinghuisen said. “It was just a great opportunity for me.”

Tellinghuisen moved from the starting lineup, where he played alongside senior forwards Mike Daum and Flatten, senior guard Tevin King and sophomore guard David Jenkins Jr. to offering advice to his former teammates just a season later.

“It’s fun,” Tellinghuisen said. “They had enough respect for me as a player that they listen to me but we like to joke around at times just like we used to.”

Flatten said Tellinghuisen hasn’t changed for the most part in the new role.

“He’s the same old goofy Reed that he’s always been,” he said. “…always cracking jokes at the players. You can kind of see a difference in a more professional look on things that he’s taken on.”

Despite coaching and enjoying it, Tellinghuisen still misses taking the floor in Frost Arena.

“[I] obviously miss it quite a bit and it isn’t easy, but you just have to cherish those moments when you have them because one day, you aren’t going to have them,” Tellinghuisen said.

Graduate assistant coach Reed Tellinghuisen yells to the players on the court next to Beau Brown during the SDSU vs. Denver men’s basketball game Thursday, Jan. 10 at Frost Arena in Brookings, S.D.
Men’s track and field claim first Summit League title

TRENTON ABREGO
Sports Editor

For the first time in school history, the South Dakota State men’s track and field team claimed the Summit League Indoor Championship.

It’s just the second time since 1991 that the Jackrabbits won an indoor conference championship.

For the Jackrabbits, Kyle Burdick was named the most valuable track athlete and scored 30 of the 220 total points. Burdick joins Joel Reichow, who won the award in 2017, as the only other Jackrabbit to win the distinction.

Burdick continued his dominance and won his sixth career event in the Summit League Indoor Track and Field Championships. The sixth win puts Burdick at fourth in conference history for the most career indoor championships.

That wasn’t the only way Burdick dominated. Burdick won three events, making him one of three athletes to have that distinction in the conference.

Sam Zenner, who won the men’s 60-meter and 200-meter races, was named the most outstanding performer. Zenner joins Burdick as the second Jackrabbit to win the award in as many years.

Bryant Courter won his second career league championship and was the first Jackrabbit to win the long jump. His jump of 24-06 ½ was the second-best in school history.

South Dakota State edged North Dakota State in the men's portion by 13 points.

As the men succeeded, the women faltered in their portion and placed fourth with 76 points. North Dakota State took the women’s title with 214.5 points.

Despite the women finishing fourth, Rachel King excelled once again. King also won her sixth career indoor championship; tying her for fifth all-time on the women’s side.

Krista Steele defended her 800-meter reign from the 2018 seasons, where she won both the indoor and outdoor totals.

Atop the all-league performances, 25 placers were Jackrabbits.

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